

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1431
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ATHIRAPALLY HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT
SURESH KODIKUNNIL

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to give clearance to the Athirapally Hydro Electric Project located on the Chalakudy river downstream of the existing Poringalkuthu reservoir;
- (b) if so, the action taken thereon; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : The Athirapally Hydro Electric Project (2x80 Mega Watts) was accorded environment and forest clearance in 1998 and 1999 respectively. However, the environmental clearance was subsequently suspended on 19.11.2001 as the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala had directed that a Public Hearing should be conducted.

The Detailed Project Report of the Athirapally Hydro Electric Project was returned by the Central Electricity Authority to the Kerala State Electricity Board in June, 2002 as essential inputs/details were not tied up. The Government of Kerala has to resubmit the proposal after obtaining the comments of the Central Water Commission.